

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The invention relates to an image-formation optical system that satisfies demands toward high performance and compactness at the same time, and an imaging system
5 incorporating the same. The image-formation optical system comprises, in order from its object side, an aperture stop S, a first positive meniscus lens L1 convex on its object side, a second positive lens L2 having an aspheric surface and a third negative lens L3 having an
10 aspheric surface, and satisfies the following condition.

$$0.95 < \Sigma d / f < 1.25 \quad \dots (1)$$

Here Σd is the distance on an optical axis of the image-formation optical system from the object side-surface of the first positive meniscus lens to the image plane side-surface of the third negative lens, and f is the focal
15 length of the image-formation optical system.